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- Q1. Wang Yi, a minister of China visited India recently. He is the _____?
- a) Railway Minister
- b) Finance Minister
- c) Foreign Minister
- d) Defence Minister

Q2. Which of the following acts were declared unconstitutional and void by Supreme Court?

- National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act, 2014.
- The Constitution (119th Amendment) Act, 2015.
- 99th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2014.
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014.
- Codes:
- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) 3 and 4 only

Q3. Recently, State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a loan agreement for 100 million euro with European Investment Bank (EIB). It will be used for:

- the development of small and medium-sized enterprises
- the development of social and economic infrastructure
- the climate change mitigation and adaptation

Codes a) 1 and 3 only b) 2 and 3 only

c) 1 and 2 only

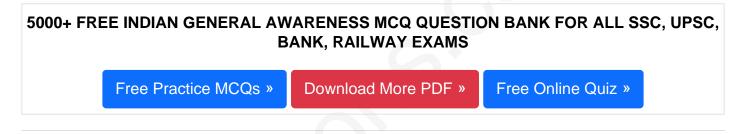
d) All of these

Q4. Which of the following statement(s) regarding report released by Union Ministry of Environment and Forest is correct?

- 21.23% of the total geographical area of the country is under forest and tree cover.
- The maximum percentage of increase in Mangrove forest is seen in Gujarat since 2011.
- The maximum increase in forest cover is in West Bengal since 2011.

Choose the **correct** option from the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3



Q5. Consider the following statements.

- Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao (BBBP) was launched with the prime objective to create awareness about the diminishing child sex ratio in the country.
- The national sex ratio that stands at 879 girls per 1000 boys.
- The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development on 29th October 2015 launched a new initiative to spread awareness about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme in collaboration with Flytxt.

Which of the above statement is/are correct? Codes: a) 3 only

b) 2 only

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- c) 1 only
- d) All of these

Q6. After reconstitution of the cabinet committees, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) is headed by the:

- a) External Affairs Minister
- b) Speaker of the Lok Sabha
- c) Prime Minister
- d) Home Minister

Q7. Which of the following are the reasons for opposing Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) by India at WTO?

- TFA restricts farm subsidies to 10% of the value of agricultural production
- TFA is discriminatory as it imposes restriction on farm subsidies only on developing nations.

Choose the **correct** option from the codes given below: a) 2 Only

- b) 1 and 2 Both
- c) 1 Only
- d) None

Q8. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

- Guru Ghasidas National : Rajasthan Park
- Bandhavgarh tiger : Madhya Pradesh reserve
- Bandipur tiger reserve : Karnataka
- Dampa tiger reserve : Mizoram

Codes:

- a) 3 and 4 only
- b) 1 and 4 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- d) 2, 3 and 4 only

Q9. Union Ministry of Railways has constituted a committee to review the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) cell in the railway board under the chairmanship of

a) Anil Baijal

b) Pramod Asthana

c) S. Jaishankar

d) Ajay Shankar

Q10. Which of the following statements regarding Union Public Service Commission are correct?

- It is a statutory body
- Rajni Razdan is the present chairman of the UPSC.
- The chairman and members of the UPSC are appointed by the parliament.

Codes:

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) None of these

Q11. Which of the following statements are **correct** regarding international intellectual property (IP) index-2015?

- It is released by Global Intellectual Property Centre (GIPC).
- The US has been placed at the top in the list.
- India has been ranked lowest among thirty countries.

Codes:

a) 1 and 3 only

b) 2 and 3 only

c) 1 and 2 only

d) All of these

Q12. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Dr. V.R Gowarikar?

- He is considered as the 'Father of the Indian Monsoon Model'.
- He was honoured with Padma Vibhushan Award.
- He is the author of book 'I Predict'.

Codes: a) 2 and 3 only

- b) 1 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) All of these

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Q13. Rana Bhagwandas, who passed away recently, was the first Hindu chief justice of ____?

- a) angladesh
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Pakistan

Q14. Which of the following is **correct** about the Chief Justice of India Tirath Singh Thakur?

- He has taken over as the 45th Chief Justice of India.
- His tenure will be till 3 January 2018.
- He has worked as Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana in 2008.
- He was conferred Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) degree by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University.
- a) 1, 2 & 4
- b) 3 & 4 only
- c) 1 & 3 only
- d) 1, 2 & 3

Q15. Consider the following statements:

- Union Government has launched Pharma Jan Samadhan scheme, for redressal of grievances of consumers related to drug pricing and availability of medicines.
- The scheme is a web-enabled system created by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct? a) 2 only

- b) Both 1 and 2
- c) 1 only
- d) Neither of the above

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Wang Yi came to India for a two days visit and met President Pranab Mukherji, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Foreign Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

Q2. Answer: (a)

Supreme Court has declared National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act, 2014 and 99th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2014 unconstitutional and void.

Q3. Answer: (d)

SBI has signed a loan agreement of 100 million euro with European Investment Bank majorly to boost private industries in India and develop infrastructure along with climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

21.23% of the total geographical area of the country is under forest cover, while 24.01% is under forest plus tree cover.

Q5. Answer: (c)

The national sex ratio stands at 918 girls per 1000 boys. The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development on 29th October 2015 launched a new initiative to spread awareness about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme in collaboration with Celltick Mobile Media India Pvt. Ltd.

Q6. Answer: (c)

After the reconstitution, the Prime Minister has become the head of CCS, CCEA, ACC and the Committee on Political Affairs.

Q7. Answer: (b)

If farm subsidies are restricted to 10%, it will become difficult to continue the policy of providing MSP and subsidies on fertilizers and seeds to the farmers.

It will also hamper the PDS system. It will not have any effect on farm subsidies in the USA as restrictions will not be imposed on developed countries.

Q8. Answer: (d)

Guru Ghasidas National Park is located in Chhattisgarh. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given in-principle approval for creation of Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla tiger reserve.

Q9. Answer: (d)

The committee will look into the functioning of the cell and will suggest changes to make it more efficient, effective and result-oriented.

Q10. Answer: (d)

Deepak Gupta has replaced Rajni Razdan as the new chairman of the UPSC which a constitutional body. He was appointed by the President.

Q11. Answer: (b)

India was ranked second last and Thailand last in the list.

Q12. Answer: (b)

He was honoured with Padma Shree and Padma Bhushan Awards.

Q13. Answer: (d)

Rana Bhagwandas was the first Hindu and second non-Muslim head of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Q14. Answer: (b)

He has taken over as the 43rd Chief Justice of India. His tenure will be till 3 January 2017.

Q15. Answer: (b)

The scheme will provide consumers with an online facility to redress their complaints related to over-pricing of medicines, non-availability of medicines and refusal of supply for sale of any medicine without good and sufficient reason.

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